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SYNOPSIS OF MR. SHIELDS'
FINE ADDRESS AT ST.
MARY'S HALL ON WED-
NESDAY EVENING.

The Morning Astorian is pleased to present to its readers a synopsis of the very pleasing address delivered on Wednesday evening last, at St. Mary's hall in this city, by John Fleming Shields, of Portland, dealing with the exalted life and service of Ireland's patron saint, Patrick; and does it with the real regret that it has not the full text of the oration to offer. It was most happily received, and the consensus of opinion among those who had the good fortune to hear it, is that it was one of the best speeches of the kind ever delivered in this city. He spoke, in part, as follows:

It seems impossible properly to gauge the magnitude and extent of the influence exercised by St. Patrick. He was at once a teacher, a prophet, a leader and apostle. When he came to the Irish land, he was met by civilized men. He met them by arrangement. There was no martyrdom. There was no blow struck. Honest, fair discussion was to be the medium of their conversion to the Christian faith. Conviction came to them by reason and by argument, as civilized men, not as savages.

For an instance of this, behold St. Patrick explaining the doctrine of the Trinity. At that moment, perhaps, the shamrock, so dear to the Irish heart, appeared for the first time in history. Objections having been made to his statements concerning the Trinity, St. Patrick stooped, picked a shamrock, and holding it up before the assembled multitude, said: "Is it not as possible for the Father, Son and Holy Ghost as for these three leaves to grow upon a single stalk?" It goes without saying that this poetical illustration like all else St. Patrick preached concerning the faith was not only pleasing, but also acceptable to the Irish people, simply because it was agreeable to their reason, true to the genius of their nature and in accordance with the feelings of their hearts.

For 300 years after St. Patrick preached the Gospel, Ireland was the holiest, most learned, most enlightened, most glorious country in Christendom. From all ends of the earth students came to study in the Irish schools. They brought back to every nation in Europe the wondrous tales of Ireland's sanctity, of Ireland's glory, Ireland's peace, of Ireland's melody, of Ireland's culture, and most of all of the immaculate purity and wonderful beauty of Ireland's womanhood. In the midst of all the clouds that passed over, Ireland's history during her centuries of oppression, there came one short hour when the Irish nation met in an Irish Parliament, and it was one brief day when James the Second was in Ireland, before his final overthrow. He called together a parliament of Irishmen. O's and Mac's were there—men of the Irish race and the Irish faith. They passed many an act on that memorable day, but amongst them was one in particular. These men who had been robbed of their estates, and persecuted because of their fidelity to their religion, in that hour of their power passed an act proclaiming over all the Irish land, not for a class, but for a nation, perfect freedom for all religious creeds. This is but one instance of their many acts of tolerance. The spirit of tolerance has been theirs always. They never yet failed to fight when

civil and religious liberty was at stake. They will fight for it again, if called upon; and they will strive to preserve it forever in this the land of their adoption!

No separate people can claim, no one country can appropriate the Irishman; on the contrary, he rapidly assimilates himself with its people, and becomes part and parcel of its government, contributing to its grandeur and glory—its vice counselor in peace, and its intrepid defender in war.

The Irish are a martial race and are not apologetic for their inheritance. Martial characteristics are not to be despised, for they frequently express themselves in loyalty, honesty and chivalry. Courage to dare and power to do are the surest guarantees of individual force and national stability. On the other hand, with the decline of the martial spirit people are very apt to become effeminate, sensual, selfish and corrupt. Obedient to their generous impulses the sons of Ireland are found everywhere fighting humanity's battles. Wherever in the smoke of battle tyrants have lost their power and the people have gained their rights, wherever justice needed a champion or oppression deserved a foe—there ever has been found the Irish soldier, disciplined, undaunted, and invincible.

In the arts of peace as well as in war, the Celt and his descendants have been a mighty factor in the up-building of the American nation. In truth, there is not a stone that forms the enduring arch of American liberty, progress and prosperity to the shaping and placing of which Irish brain and Irish muscle have not generously and patriotically contributed.

Withal, however, that the Irish and the other races have done for America there are still many people who seem to have a good deal of doubt as to what the requisites of a true American are. With them the native Indian does not exactly fill the bill even when he is improved. A good many think that to be an American one had to be born in New England, or that one of his ancestors should have come to this country at the very early date of 1621. But the Irish, the Germans, the Dutch, the Scandinavians, and all the other races in this country seem to have different opinions about it.

In a sense, we are all foreigners or descendants of foreigners. A true American is one who is devoted to the interests of his country, who upholds its Constitution, obeys its laws, has a voice in its government, and is ever ready to defend the honor of its flag.

Such an American the Irishmen has always been. We see his enthusiasm in Patrick Henry in the Virginia House of Delegates uttering the battle cry which won the revolution, "Give me liberty or give me death." We see him in Charles Carroll with a price upon his head, who scorned danger by adding "of Carrollton" to his name, as an indelible designation of the individual when he signed the Declaration of Independence. We see him in all the battles of the American revolution from Concord to Yorktown. We see him in Andrew Jackson at New Orleans, in Shields on the plains of Mexico, in John Barry, the "Father of our Navy," in McDowell, McClellan, Sheridan, Meagher and thousands of others in many a hard fought battle from Manassas to Appomattox, and lately in our own day in the red front of battle in Cuba and the Philippines.

The Celt is no revoker of things divine. He has never yet been accused of the crime of race suicide. He is a soldier on the right side of every religious and social conflict. He is worthy to live in this great land and teach by his example, the hurrying multitude, that liberty is not a license, that God still regains, that truth, honor, faith, Christian charity and sanctity of the marriage tie are virtues not to be forgotten but esteemed.

DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT

CHICAGO, March 18.—Yosabura Sugita of Japan and N. Sankowsky a Russian, students at the University of Chicago, will cross sabres next week in a tournament to be held under the auspices of the Illinois division of the Amateur Fencing League. The opening bout will take place March 24.

ONE CENT POSTAGE BILL INTRODUCED

MEASURE OF INTEREST IN-
TODUCED IN CONGRESS
ON MAIL ISSUES.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—One cent postage is provided in a bill which Representative Bennett of New York has introduced. The measure provides that, beginning January 1, 1910, the rate of postage on all letters mailed within the United States for domestic points including drop letters, shall be one cent per ounce or fraction.

Another bill introduced by Mr. Bennett provides for the consolidation of third and fourth class mail matters under the title, "Merchandise," for the establishment of a parcels post, and for the insurance of all mail matter against loss or damage.

Under the terms of this bill the rate on an eleven pound package of merchandise would be twenty five cents with a series of charges for packages, under that weight. On all unregistered prepaid matter on which value has not been declared, an indemnity up to \$10 would be allowed for actual loss or damage through the fault of the postal service. On registered packages on which a value had been declared and on which charges for registration insurance and postage have been paid, the Post-Office Department would pay full value for loss or damage resulting through the fault of the Department. The fees for registration and insurance up to \$25 would be two cents.

PROBE IN LOS ANGELES

Grand Jury Summoned to Enquire
Into City's Affairs

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Twenty eight citizens of Los Angeles county will appear in the Superior Court this morning in response to summons for grand jury duty. From this number Judge James hopes to be able to select 19 men who will constitute the special grand jury ordered Monday in response to the request of District Attorney Fredericks for the purpose of investigating the condition of the municipal government.

Judge James prepared his instructions to the jury yesterday and these will be handed to the foreman, whose selection is in the hands of the court, immediately after the jury is organized.

While it is not expected the jury will begin the work of examining witnesses, today, everything of a preliminary character will be in readiness for an emergency. The jurors will begin work in earnest Friday morning and will hold daily sessions until the report of their labors is filed.

A score of persons have been summoned as witnesses. Among them is A. C. Harper, former mayor, who arrived here from Corcoran yesterday. Edward Kern, former member of the board of public works and former chief of police, has also been summoned. Alfonso Durand an associate of Nick Oswald, is in the county jail awaiting a call by the grand jury and is also to have a preliminary hearing on a charge of attempting to evade a summons. Nick Oswald is now across the border at Tijuana, Mexico, with William Lawrence. Both men are wanted to testify before the grand jury.

TAKES HIGH POST.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The Tribune this morning, in a special dispatch from Washington says:

Charles D. Norton, general agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, is to be first assistant secretary of the treasury. Mr. Norton, it is understood is the personal selection of Franklin MacVeagh, the new secretary of the treasury and will be MacVeagh's right hand man. Upon his shoulders will rest a large share of the responsibility of the work of the Department and of the realization of the policies that Mr. MacVeagh expects to inaugurate.

"MOVING PICTURES"

Essential Films To Detect Black
Hand Artists Needed.

NEW YORK, March 18.—In order to carry on the crusade against the "black hand" which has been decided upon by well to do Italians here, following the assassination of Police Lieutenant Petrosino in Italy, F. G. Belaito, a prominent member of the New York Italian colony, will go to Washington today to confer with the Italian ambassador with regard to new legislation in Italy requiring that passports be accompanied by photo-

graphs of the holder. Criminal Italians, it is said, often procure passports by questionable means, and evading the Italian authorities, get aboard ships and land in New York. The passports are supposed to give a fairly accurate description of the bearer, but if a photograph is attached, there is less likelihood of them being used by anyone except the rightful owner.

CIRCUS POSTPONES WAR

Trouble in Central America May Be
All Bosh, Anyway.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The steamship Acapulco brings news that the war between Salvador and Nicaragua was postponed for one day in order that the citizens of Acapulco might enjoy a circus which was billed to play in that town while the Acapulco was anchored in the harbor. When the vessel first arrived martial law had been declared and no one was permitted to land. But the circus came to town and in less than an hour the martial law was declared off so that the passengers might swell the attendance at the show. Passengers on board the Acapulco report that the ships of the two warring states reported to have been engaged in battles have not been out of the harbors where they are stationed. They scout the idea that there will be any serious trouble in Central America. They assert that even in Central America John Moisant is not seriously considered.

FAMILY FAILING

CHICAGO, March 18.—Mrs. Maud Kellar who with Peter Richter, a farmer, was killed by a train at Willow Springs Ill., yesterday, was the third of her family to die a violent death within 10 years. Her father lost his life in a railway accident, and her son was smothered in a gravel pit.

HARRIMAN LINES CON- TEMPLATE NO CHANGES

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO
THAT EFFECT GIVEN OUT
BY KRUTTSCHNITT.

OGDEN, Utah, March 18.—Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operations of the Harriman system stated today no radical changes were contemplated at this time in the management of the Southern Pacific, O. R. & N., Oregon Short Line or the Union Pacific. "You may quote me emphatically on this subject, as I desire this fact to be generally known throughout the territory as covered by these lines. I also add that the stories recently published regarding the rumored changes are without foundation in fact."

WESTON STILL WALKING.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 18.—Although he encountered bad roads today, due to snow, Weston appeared in good spirits when he arrived in Rennselaer tonight. He continued on to Troy.

INSURRECTION OVER.

HAVANA, March 18.—Sergeant Cortes, leader of the insurgents and hand surrendered tonight at Remedios, Santa Clara province.

NOTHING DOING.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—No additional jurors were secured in the Calhoun trial today.

NASAL CATARRH.

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DO NOT LIKE PROPOSED IMPORT ON TEA

LIPTON'S AGENT MAKES OB-
JECTIONS TO RECOMMEN-
DATIONS OF COMMITTEE

BROOKLYN, March 18.—Sir Thomas Lipton's representative in New York, W. A. W. Melville, is considerably exercised over the recommendations in the tariff bill as submitted to Congress yesterday, placing a tax of eight cents a pound on tea imports from producing countries and nine cents on imports from non-producing countries. Tea has become a necessity, Mr. Melville said, and had ceased to be a luxury. If the tariff should be imposed as proposed, he thinks that the cost to consumers will advance at least 10 cents a pound. As a result he predicts that cheaper tea will be used and that the consumption will greatly be decreased.

Tea importers generally declare that the new schedule will not stand. The National Coffee & Tea Association will take immediate steps to fight the proposal and their main argument will be that the burden will fall on the consumer rather than on the dealer. The market on all grades of teas advanced from 2 to 3 cents a pound yesterday.

CHRISTIAN PEKIN

Chinese Capital Has Dozen of Temp-
les and Churches of This Faith.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—There are 11 or 12 Christian churches or temples in the city of Peking, according to a census of the religious denominations of that municipality taken by order of the Chinese ministry of the Interior. The total of temples in the city with their inhabitants as shown by the census is:

Temples 1,049; Buddhist priests 1553; Taoist priests, 133; nuns, 129; students 934; servants 795; lodgers 15,445.

In transmitting the information to State Department Minister Rockhill says the number of Buddhist priests given does not, he thinks, include about 400 Mongol Lamas of the Young Ho Kung and those of the Sung Chung Sen, of which there are about 100, nor does it take into account the Mohammedan mosques, of which there are about 16, nor the very numerous ancestral temples.

COLLECTING EVIDENCE.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., March 18.—Government secret service agents are here collecting evidence to be used in the government's prosecution of Governor Haskell of Oklahoma. It is said the evidence is being secured from Ohio people whose names were used in transfer of town lots in Muskogee.

PROBABLY INSANE.

STANFORD, Conn., March 18.—Charged with sending an objectionable letter to F. W. Carpenter, secretary of President Taft, John C. Harvey was arrested today and examined by a physician as to his sanity. Harvey came from Idaho about three years ago. He says he once published the Cache Valley News in Preston, Idaho.

A Religious Author's Statement
Rev. Joseph H. Fesperman, Salisbury, N. C., who is the author of several books, writes: "For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days, unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick sediment and I passed same frequently day and night. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy, and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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